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+ ORANGE STAR-SHAPED UFO +

+ SEEN AT FARNCOMBE +

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A "radiant orange" star-shaped UFO was seen at Farncombe on the evening of July 6 by Mr. Robert Harris and his wife Janice, of Birtley Road, Bramley.

In a report to S.I.G.A.P. Mr. Harris gives the following account of the sighting:-

"It was 8.15 p.m. My attention was drawn to what at first appeared to be a bright star low in the sky. It was not until after pointing it out to my wife that we both realised it was descending vertically from a point above the trees on the horizon. It disappeared from view behind them, taking in all about 15-20 seconds. When first seen it was about twice tree-height, these trees being on a hill about half-a-mile away. The object was of a radiant orange colour, its light varying slightly. Looking at an Ordnance Survey map afterwards I found that the object was in the East. The weather at the time was dry and clear generally". S.104

While Mr. and Mrs. Harris were busy observing the star-shaped object, Miss Phyllis Pease, who was driving along the Bramley-Alford road, saw a red ball of fire in the sky. It was visible for about half-a-minute, after which it suddenly disappeared. Miss Pease's passenger also saw the object, which was in the North-East.

A cluster of three "very large" stars which hovered for three to five minutes and made a droning noise, were seen by secretary Miss Pamela Jennings, of Ash Hill Road, Ash, at 11 p.m. on August 19. After a short while they shot up into the air and disappeared. The objects were seen from Ash Hill Road.

At 2 a.m. one morning in late May Miss Jennings saw another peculiar star-like object from Ash Hill Road. She was sitting in a car at the time with R.A.E. engineer Mr. Anthony Frost.

Here is Mr. Frost's account of what was seen:-

"We were sitting in my car and in the sky in the south-easterly direction appeared what looked like a shooting star streak of light. As this came level with us it slowed down and started hovering and making a droning noise. As it went past it turned to a red colour and disappeared in a flash of red. S.116

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+ BALL OF WHITE LIGHT SEEN OVER ASH VALE +  
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A brilliant white light was seen in the sky over Ash Vale in mid-May by Mrs. White. She saw it between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. one morning from her house in Homely Crescent, Frimley Road.

Mrs. White said: "I looked out of the window and saw a brilliant light in the West over the "George Inn". It was visible for only a few seconds. It was round and made no noise".

This sighting was investigated by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler. He says in his investigator's report:-

"When I interviewed Mrs. White several interesting facts came to light not directly connected with the sighting in question. She told me that her husband died some three years ago. About six months after his death she had a peculiar dream. In this dream she saw a saucer outside her house. The occupants came inside and took away her children. She was so alarmed at this that when she woke up she went into her childrens' bedroom to see if they were still there. Mrs. White also mentioned that she had never believed in the 'Lord' but after dreaming that he was in a triangular cloud looking down at her she looked out of her window and saw such a cloud. She now believes in the 'Lord'.

"As regards the May sighting, Mrs. White emphasised that the light was so bright that it was impossible to describe it and then in a flash it was gone.

"Mrs. White appeared quite genuine during the interview".

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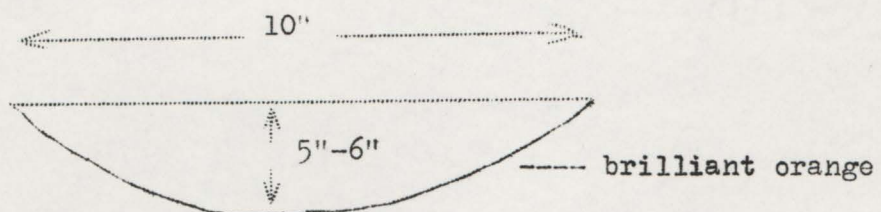

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+   UFO OVER GUILDFORD   +
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An orange UFO shaped like a half-circle was seen over Guildford one night in June by Miss Dorothy Raggett. Miss Raggett is unable to give us the exact date of the sighting but says it was around the middle of the month. She saw the object from her house in Worplesdon Road, Guildford.

Says Miss Raggett: "It was sometime after midnight. I was in bed looking out of my window when I suddenly saw a very bright orange object. At first I thought it was the moon, but then it dawned on me that it was the wrong shape and colour. I quickly put on my glasses and hurried to the window to see it better. I listened, but all was quiet, not a sound anywhere. It was a very dark night with no stars. The object was moving very slowly from the Guildford direction towards Woking. It was a most brilliant orange and looked about ten inches along the top and five to six inches in depth in the centre. I watched it for about five minutes I should think, then it suddenly vanished and all was darkness. I am most interested and should like to know what it was and if anyone else saw it". S.102



Sketch of object seen by Miss Raggett.

S.I.G.A.P. member Mrs. S. J. Holt investigated this sighting:-

"Miss Raggett is a quiet lady of perhaps 48 years of age. She has never seen a UFO before and knew that most of her friends would be unsympathetic to such a story, so she didn't mention it to them. She works for some friends of mine, Captain and Mrs. C. C. Dingle of Worplesdon and it was to Mrs. Dingle that Miss Raggett described her experience. The Dingles took the first opportunity to mention it to me and arranged for me to meet Miss Raggett at their home. She strikes me as a reliable and truthful person".

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+ BIGGIN HILL UFO +
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A mysterious circular light passed over Biggin Hill, Kent just after midnight on July 17. It was seen by Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Russell, of Sutherland Avenue, Biggin Hill.

Said Mrs. Russell, a secretary: "I was awakened at 12.45 a.m. by a stillness and smell, which I assumed was from the cesspits. But as it wasn't a warm night I thought it unusual. Then I heard a sudden short burst of a light aircraft engine. It was unusual because I did not hear it approach or recede. From my bed I saw a large circular light travelling at excessive speed. It was so unusual that I went to the window and called my husband. We watched it travelling in the direction of Surrey. It was not an aeroplane as it was travelling too fast. On the other hand it wasn't going fast enough to be a meteorite and it kept at a very regular height. The colour of the light was apricot".

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S.I.G.A.P. is to get an official place in the next edition of the Guildford Telephone Directory, under the yellow pages section Research & Development Organisations. The group's name will also be listed in the ordinary classified section too.

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S.I.G.A.P. member Leslie Seymour, formerly of 19 Oliver Road, Horsham, has emigrated to Montreal, Canada. We hope that he will keep in touch with us and let us know what is going on in Canada as regards UFOs.

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S.I.G.A.P. now has 66 members. The following is a list of the people who have joined in the last couple of months or so:-

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Mr. Trevor Heath, 63 Cypress Road, Bellfields Estate, Guildford, Surrey.

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Mr. Edward Giles, 23 Brooker Street, Hove, Brighton,
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Mr. Peter Hill, The Flat, 19 Bridge Street, Godalming,
Surrey.

Miss Phyllis Pease, B.A., 7 Stocks Mead, Washington,
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Miss Ellinor Austen, 14 Heatherbank, Tower Road,
Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr. Roger Amos, B.Sc., 12 Nightingale Road, Guildford,
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Miss Marjorie Dalley, Lawrence Farm, Buckland,
Betchworth, Surrey.

Mrs. Rosemary Hick, Lawrence Farm, Buckland,
Betchworth, Surrey.

Mr. Richard Farrow, 78 Paxford Road, North Wembley,
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Articles for publication in the Bulletin are always
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+ BALL LIGHTNING IN NORMANDY HOUSE +  
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Ball lightning is a rare atmospheric phenomena and when seen can be confused with globular UFOs. Most members will probably not have heard of the report of ball lightning in a Normandy house early last year. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their two children were in the sitting room of their bungalow on the afternoon of Sunday, February 19, 1967. It had been raining for some time. David Johnston decided to use the telephone which is situated in a recess by the stairs. After a little while the silence was shattered by an explosion, later described by Mrs. Johnston as a loud popping followed by a clap of thunder.

At that instant the telephone went dead and from the telephone protector appeared a ball of fire.

It was the size and shape of a narrow light bulb and had a yellow-orange colour, surrounded by a "fuzzy blue edge". It travelled slowly behind Mrs. Johnston who was sitting with her back to the telephone protector box, scorching her neck and singeing her hair. Later she complained of headache. The fireball then crossed the room in silence towards the fire, then changed direction and headed towards a power socket on the skirting board. At that moment the fireball increased in size and changed shape. It was now "more octagonal with jagged edges". On reaching the power socket the fireball shrunk until it disappeared. Later investigations by a maintenance telephone engineer showed that the telephone earth wire had become disconnected at some time in the past.

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+   NONSENSE OR LOGIC?   +  
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+   By Capt. S.R.B. Urry   +  
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Up to a few years ago I had no reason to believe or disbelieve in the existence of "flying-saucers". About seven years ago on a fine clear October night I was entering our drive with the family in the car when we all spotted in approximately the North West, at a height I should have accessed as 2,000 feet, a very bright stationary light. It could not have been a star, car headlights or a searchlight, as there were no beams or cloud to reflect it, After possibly 30 seconds this light suddenly moved at a terrific speed across the northern sky, finally disappearing in about the North East. This gave rise to a discussion on the atmosphere and visibility. We all came to the conclusion we had observed something peculiar. It was obvious that the idea of flying-saucers should of course enter our heads. I should like to add that having spent years at sea, as a navigator, the observation of things in the heavens was a form of second nature. Possibly being a romantic at heart and having a natural tendency to discover for myself rather than accept the theory of others, I feel that the possibilities I put forward may be of interest to others. It has always appeared odd to me that man has some natural gifts and others he has to learn. For instance, no sooner had man made his first pot or weapon than he felt a desire to decoration or beautify it. This instinct of creating beauty is not common to any other creature on Earth. This makes me feel that man must have always been far above the other animals of the Earth and not, as suggested by Darwin, evolved from them. I think that man came from another civilised planet. Assuming man and woman arrived here from an old world that was dying, they would naturally have called Earth a garden. In their efforts to survive, spaceships and such things would have been forgotten, and of course the actual ship in which they came to Earth would have disappeared. It is interesting to note that in the olden times the only name a man had for vehicle was a chariot. If it had been propelled by a jet or rocket power it would have been called a fiery chariot. It is rather significant that biblical references to appearances from or to heaven were made in a fiery chariot or cloud of fire. It would only be natural to assume that if people had been sent to this Earth from another planet, there would be visits from spaceships to see how they were getting on. The possibility of further investigations along these lines would certainly be a relief from our present mass acceptance of those theories that have grown up during recent years. (Capt. Urry lives in Wimborne, Dorset).

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